

Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a response to the Office of Management and Budget; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1457. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of action relative to the Eldorado International Airport, Bogota, Columbia; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1458. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the budget estimate for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1459. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1460. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-294. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association relative to military retired pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-295. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association relative to the retention of military commissaries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-296. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association relative to cost-of-living adjustments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-297. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association relative to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-298. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"RESOLUTION NO. 38

"Whereas, Americans recognize and appreciate the enormous sacrifices made by United States military personnel who served courageously in the Vietnam War and the conflict in Southeast Asia, some of whom are still classified as missing in action; and

"Whereas, while the status of most of the American soldiers who lost their lives or were injured during this long military engagement is certain, the fate of more than 2,000 military personnel remains unknown decades after the United States' final withdrawal from Vietnam; and

"Whereas, the unresolved status of those brave individuals is, understandably, a source of great concern for their families, their friends, and their fellow citizens and represents a chapter in our nation's history that cannot be satisfactorily concluded until their whereabouts are known; and

"Whereas, recognizing the important of this vital obligation to American military personnel and their families, the United States Congress has sought to locate these

individuals in the past and should continue to take all necessary steps to fulfill this important duty in the future: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the 74th Texas Legislature hereby request the Congress of the United States to continue its efforts to determine the location and status of all United States military personnel still missing in Southeast Asia; and, be it further

"Resolved, That official copies of this resolution be prepared for the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, the President of the Senate of the United States Congress, and all members of the Texas delegation to the Congress."

POM-299. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

"Whereas, California is proud to be the home of millions of active and retired military personnel; and

"Whereas, these personnel and their families have earned the right to have access to quality health care because of distinguished service to our state and country; and

"Whereas, this quality health care is to be delivered through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniform Services (CHAMPUS) program; and

"Whereas, these personnel and their families have already been seriously inconvenienced by the actions of the federal government in closing many of the military bases where they customarily received their medical care, forcing them to travel great distances to receive medical care from different providers; and

"Whereas, these personnel and their families were again inconvenienced by the action of the federal government in changing the administration of the CHAMPUS program last year. These changes required some of these military and veteran families to change medical providers, and to travel greater distances to receive medical care; and

"Whereas, the Federal government is contemplating making even further major changes to the CHAMPUS program. These changes will cause dislocation in the provider networks that will require that military families endure a stressful transition to new doctors and providers; and

"Whereas, many of these changes will result in fewer medical providers available to families which will adversely affect medical quality: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the United States Department of Defense to make every effort to ensure that the commitment made to provide medical benefits to our military and veteran families through the CHAMPUS program be honored, and that when changes are contemplated for the program that priority be given to protecting the benefits of military and veteran families by ensuring that quality medical care is available at convenient locations for these families, and in doing this, that the Department of Defense take into consideration the impact and the dislocation caused to military and veteran families by previous changes to the program and that any future changes be designed to minimize further dislocation and to enhance the CHAMPUS program rather than to reduce the benefits already earned by our military; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to

the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Secretary of Defense, to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States."

POM-300. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

"Whereas, McClellan Air Force Base, located in the City of Sacramento, California, is one of the five major Air Force logistic command centers in the United States; and

"Whereas, this base has been a major aircraft repair facility for almost 60 years; and

"Whereas, McClellan is one of the largest United States Air Force bases as well as the largest employer in northern California; and

"Whereas, McClellan is the home facility for other critical and essential military organizations, including the Coast Guard Rescue Service, a Reserve Tanker Wing, and a National Guard Tanker Unit; and

"Whereas, the base plays a key function in supporting the responsibility of the entire Air Force and has been a major maintenance and support element in World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the Gulf Conflicts, as well as fulfilling numerous other tactical maintenance requirements; and

"Whereas, McClellan has been a part of the State of California prior to the buildup of our armed forces during World War II and its capability could not be duplicated today without a major expenditure of funds; and

"Whereas, McClellan Air Force Base is geographically and strategically located on the West Coast and serves as a gateway to our forces in the Pacific Basin; and

"Whereas, McClellan has developed extremely advanced technology not only for aircraft maintenance but for medical research as well as composite research that is world renowned; and

"Whereas, Potential loss both to the personnel at McClellan as well as the State of California that would result from closure of the base is inestimable in terms of technology, health and welfare, jobs, and community spirit. Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, the President and Congress of the United States to consider the strategic importance of McClellan Air Force Base and to oppose proposals to close this important military installation; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to the President and Vice President of the United States, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

*John T. Conway, of New York, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 1999.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be

confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably the attached listing of nominations.

Those identified with a single asterisk (*) are to be placed on the Executive Calendar. Those identified with a double asterisk (**) are to lie on the Secretary's desk for the information of any Senator since these names have already appeared in the RECORDS of July 20, July 24, August 3, August 10, and September 5, 1995, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORDS of July 20, 24, August 3, 10, and September 5, 1995 at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

*In the Navy there are 2 promotions to the grade of rear admiral (list begins with Ralph Melvin Mitchell, Jr.) (Reference No. 97).

*In the Naval Reserve there are 10 promotions to the grade of rear admiral (lower half) (list begins with Kenneth Peter Barausky) (Reference No. 165).

*In the Navy there are 2 promotions to the grade of rear admiral (list begins with Barton D. Strong) (Reference No. 249).

*Rear Adm. (lower half) S. Todd Fisher, USN to be rear admiral (Reference No. 526).

*Col. William J. Dendinger, USAF to be brigadier general (Reference No. 531).

**In the Army there are 2 promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel and below (list begins with John D. Pitcher) (Reference No. 534).

**In the Navy there are 4 appointments to the grade of ensign (list begins with Kyujin J. Choi) (Reference No. 535).

**In the Air Force Reserve there are 29 promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Von S. Bashay) (Reference No. 538).

**In the Navy there are 11 appointments to the grade of ensign (list begins with Scott A. Avery) (Reference No. 539).

**In the Marine Corps there are 7 appointments to the grade of second lieutenant (list begins with Bradley J. Harms) (Reference No. 540).

**In the Marine Corps Reserve there are 35 promotions to the grade of colonel (list begins with Charles H. Allen) (Reference No. 541).

**In the Naval Reserve there are 159 promotions to the grade of captain (list begins with Glenn M. Amundson) (Reference No. 542).

**In the Naval Reserve there are 411 promotions to the grade of commander (list begins with Richard J. Alioto) (Reference No. 543).

**In the Marine Corps Reserve there are 166 promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Douglas E. Akers) (Reference No. 544).

*Maj. Gen. Jefferson D. Howell, Jr., USMC to be lieutenant general (Reference No. 561).

**In the Army Reserve there are 9 promotions to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Gerhard Braun) (Reference No. 562).

**In the Army Reserve there are 36 promotions to the grade of colonel and below

(list begins with John A. Belzer) (Reference No. 563).

**In the Army Reserve there are 23 promotions to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Robert Bellhouse) (Reference No. 564).

**In the Army Reserve there are 34 promotions to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Terry C. Amos) (Reference No. 565).

**In the Naval Reserve there are 777 promotions to the grade of commander (list begins with Andrew W. Acevedo) (Reference No. 566).

**In the Army there are 410 promotions to the grade of major (list begins with Jeffrey S. Almony) (Reference No. 567).

*Adm. William O. Studeman, USN to be placed on the retired list in the grade of admiral (Reference No. 568).

*Vice Adm. Norman W. Ray, USN to be placed on the retired list in the grade of vice admiral (Reference No. 569).

**In the Army Reserve there are 35 promotions to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with David G. Barton) (Reference No. 580).

**In the Air Force Reserve there are 9 promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Michael D. Bouwman) (Reference No. 606).

**In the Air Force Reserve there are 20 promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Gary L. Ebben) (Reference No. 607).

**Col. Michael L. Jones, USA for appointment as Director of Admissions at the United States Military Academy (Reference No. 608).

**In the Army Reserve there are 44 promotions to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Gerard H. Barlocco) (Reference No. 609).

**In the Navy there are 5 appointments to the grade of ensign (list begins with Jeremy L. Hilton) (Reference No. 610).

**In the Air Force Reserve there are 21 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Maria A. Berg) (Reference No. 619).

**In the Army there are 3 promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel and below (list begins with Lillian A. Foerster) (Reference No. 620).

**In the Navy and Naval Reserve there are 10 appointments to the grade of commander and below (list begins with Gary E. Sharp) (Reference No. 621).

**In the Air Force there are 140 appointments to the grade of second lieutenant (list begins with Mark B. Allen) (Reference No. 622).

*Rear Adm. (lower half) David J. Nash, USN to be rear admiral (Reference No. 627). Total: 2,421.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

Maj. Gen. Jefferson D. Howell, Jr., 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for promotion in the Navy of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (LH) David J. Nash, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

The following-named officer to be placed on the retired list of the U.S. Navy in the grade indicated under section 1370 of title 10, United States Code:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Norman W. Ray, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer to be placed on the retired list of the U.S. Navy in the grade indicated under section 1370 of title 10, United States Code:

To be admiral

Adm. William O. Studeman, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer form promotion in the Navy of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

SENIOR HEALTH CARE EXECUTIVE

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (LH) S. Todd Fisher, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

To following-named rear admirals (lower half) in the restricted line of the U.S. Navy for promotion to the permanent grade of rear admiral, pursuant to title 10, United States Code, section 624, subject to qualifications therefore as provided by law:

AREOSPACE ENGINEERING DUTY OFFICER

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (L) Barton D. Strong, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

SPECIAL DUTY OFFICER (CRYPTOLOGY)

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (L) Thomas F. Stevens, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

Nominate the following-named rear admirals (Lower Half) in the Supply Corps of the U.S. Navy for promotion to the permanent grade of rear admiral, pursuant to title 10, United States Code, section 624, subject to qualifications therefore as provided by law:

SUPPLY CORPS

To be rear admiral

RADM (LH) Ralph Melv Mitchell, Jr., 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

RADM (LH) Leonard Vincent, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

The following named captains of the Reserve of the U.S. Navy for permanent promotion to the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in the line and staff corps, as indicated, pursuant to the provision of title 10, United States Code, section 5912:

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Kenneth Peter Barausky, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

Capt. Martin Edward Janczak, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

Capt. Pierce Jarvis Johnson, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

Capt. Michael Robert Scott, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

To be real admiral (lower half)

Capt. Larry Lafayette Poe, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Richard Harry Wells, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

MEDICAL CORPS OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. John Bert Cotton, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

Capt. John Conant Weed, Jr., 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

SUPPLY CORPS

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Fred Joseph Schubert III, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

CHAPLAIN CORPS

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Peter Hess Beckwith, 000-00-0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

The following-named officer for promotion in the Regular Air Force of the United

States to the grade of brigadier general under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. William J. Dendinger, 000-00-0000, United States Air Force.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendations that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1265. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make temporary assistance available to support community food security projects designed to meet the food needs of low-income people, increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs, and promote comprehensive, inclusive, and future-oriented solutions to local food, farm, and nutrition problems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1265. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make temporary assistance available to support community food security projects designed to meet the food needs of low-income people, increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs, and promote comprehensive, inclusive, and future-oriented solutions to local food, farm, and nutrition problems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

THE COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 1995

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill with Senator HARKIN which is designed to help communities alleviate hunger at the local level. The Community Food Security Act of 1995 will provide one-time grants to local organizations which are working to both meet the immediate food needs of low-income people while seeking future-oriented solutions to local food, farm and nutrition problems.

This is a good bill. It enjoyed strong bipartisan support in the House.

The Community Food Security Act will provide Federal support to local projects such as farmers market nutrition programs, food policy councils, community gardens and urban farms all of which promote good nutrition while helping family farms. At a time when many people are advocating that we give more power to the States—this bill goes one step further. The Community Food Security Act will give money directly to the private organizations who know where it is most needed.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Community Food Security Act of 1995".

SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY PROJECT.—The term "community food security project" means a community-based project that—

(A) is designed to—

(i) meet the food needs of low-income people;

(ii) increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs; and

(iii) promote comprehensive, inclusive, and future-oriented solutions to local food, farm, and nutrition problems; and

(B) requires a one-time infusion of Federal assistance to become self-sustaining.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term "eligible entity" means an entity that has experience in the area of—

(A) community food work, including the development of new markets in low-income communities for agricultural producers, particularly small- and medium-sized farms; or

(B) job training and business development activities for food-related businesses in low-income communities.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may make grants to assist eligible entities in establishing and carrying out community food security projects.

(c) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity may submit to the Secretary an application, in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require, that—

(1) demonstrates competency in implementing a community food security project;

(2) demonstrates fiscal accountability;

(3) contains an agreement that the entity will collect data and prepare reports and other documentation, as required by the Secretary; and

(4) demonstrates that the entity is willing to participate in a continuing assessment of regional food security and to share information with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

(d) PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—In selecting community food security projects to be supported by grants under subsection (b), the Secretary shall give preference to projects designed—

(1) to develop linkages between 2 or more sectors of the food system;

(2) to support the development of entrepreneurial solutions to local food problems;

(3) to develop innovative linkages between the for-profit and nonprofit food sectors; or

(4) to encourage long-term planning activities and multisystem, interagency approaches.

(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—

(1) REQUIREMENTS.—The Federal share of the cost of establishing or carrying out a community food security project that receives assistance under subsection (b) may not exceed 50 percent of the cost during the term of the grant.

(2) CALCULATION.—The non-Federal share of the cost of carrying out a community food security project may be provided through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services from private, State, or local sources.

(f) SINGLE GRANT.—A community food security project may be supported by only a

single grant under subsection (b), for a term of not to exceed 3 years.

(g) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall—

(1) provide technical assistance regarding community food security projects, processes, and development to entities seeking such assistance;

(2) provide for the sharing of information about community food security projects and issues among and between government agencies, private for-profit and nonprofit groups, and the public through publications, conferences, and other appropriate form; and

(3) participate in assessments of regional food security and share information with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

(h) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—The Secretary shall—

(1) provide for the evaluation of community food security projects supported using funds under this section; and

(2) not later than January 30, 2000, submit to Congress a report on the results of the evaluation.

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 44

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to amend the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize programs relating to homeless assistance for veterans.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. JOHNSTON, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 146, a resolution designating the week beginning November 19, 1995, and the week beginning on November 24, 1996, as "National Family Week", and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1996

COHEN AMENDMENT NO. 2724

Mr. COHEN proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 1868) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes; as follows:

At an appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. ____ REPORT ON RUSSIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS.

(a) No later than three months after the date of enactment of this act, the President